

## DEAD WITH POCKETS EMPTIED

BENJAMIN NITTINGER'S BODY FOUND BY A LUMBER PILE.

Newark Man Had Left His Sweetheart, When He Was to Wed To-day, a Short Time Before His Body Was Found With a Bullet Wound in the Temple.

The body of Benjamin Nittinger of Newark was found early yesterday morning by a watchman reclining against a lumber pile in a vacant lot at South Tenth street and Sixteenth avenue, Newark. A bullet hole in the right temple and a revolver with two empty shells which lay at his feet told of the manner of death.

The theory of suicide was rejected by Miss Anna Maier of 289 South Nineteenth street. She informed the authorities that she and Nittinger were to have been married to-morrow, that he had spent most of Sunday at her home planning for the event and that he left her in high spirits a little after midnight, intending to go home by trolley to his boarding house at 570 Bergen street.

When the body was found the two front pockets of the trousers were turned inside out as though they had been rifled. In the hip pocket was a wallet in which, according to his fiancée and other friends, Nittinger had been accustomed to carry considerable sums of money. It was empty.

Miss Maier was also certain Nittinger wore a diamond stud and diamond ring as well as a gold hunting case watch and gold fob set with a diamond when he left her home. When the body was found the ring, stud and watch were missing.

The revolver with which Nittinger's death was accomplished was his property. Miss Maier identified it yesterday. She told the police and county physician that Nittinger was carrying it since he received a threatening letter two weeks ago and was followed in a suspicious way by two strange men at night.

The police found no evidence of a struggle near the spot where the body was found. Their idea of suicide was supported by the fact that the under brim of Nittinger's straw hat just where it covered the right temple was seared with powder, indicating that his hat was on his head when he fired the shot at close range.

Miss Maier accompanied Nittinger as far as South Orange avenue, which is a short distance from her home, when he left a few minutes after midnight on Sunday. She saw him board a South Orange avenue car going east, which was the right direction toward his home. Nittinger's proper course if he intended going home would have been to get a transfer to the Bergen street line, which intersects the South Orange avenue line and which passes his boarding house.

Instead he called for a transfer on the Tenth street line, which is thirteen blocks west of Bergen street. The transfer, punched to show the time of issuance, was found in his pocket. Charles Copeland, bartender at the Arena cafe, at South Orange avenue and Second street, said yesterday that Nittinger entered the cafe about 12:30 yesterday morning and remained until nearly 2 o'clock, conversing with another man in a light vein and indulging in a lunch of sandwiches with some drinks.

Nittinger was 27 years old. He was employed as draftsman and mechanical engineer until last year, when he was dismissed by the firm of Gould & Eberhardt, machinists, of New Jersey Railroad avenue, Newark. He left their employ and told his intended wife that he had taken a better place with a firm in New York. She did not remember the name of this firm.

County Physician McKensie performed an autopsy upon the body of Nittinger yesterday afternoon. He found, in addition to determining that the bullet went to the base of the brain, that there were indications that Nittinger was suffering from an illness that he had not revealed.

Nittinger's body was discovered by a night watchman, Gottfried Fribolin, at 430 A. M. Fribolin was in charge of several new houses and was crossing the vacant lot to make his rounds when he saw the body. He called for help and a lumber pile was positive the body had no rings or stud when he discovered it.

Miss Maier's assertion that Nittinger wore his ring and watch when he was somewhat substantiated by Edward H. Goebel, with whom Nittinger boarded at the Bergen street address. Goebel told the police he saw Nittinger when the latter left home on Sunday morning and that he then wore the ring and stud.

The detectives late to-day found four persons who heard the shot which killed Nittinger. They were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pedrick of 418 South Eleventh street and Mrs. Rose Pusch of 475 South Eleventh street and her husband. All say one shot was fired and that the detectives also learned that Nittinger was in a saloon at 2 o'clock.

Capt. Carroll of the detective bureau, police headquarters, then there was Miss Nittinger had pledged it several days ago. He expects to see Nittinger's missing diamond stud and ring in pawn.

The police were convinced last night that Nittinger deceived his fiancée and committed suicide.

## ROBELEN STICKS TO JOB.

Long Island Brakeman Who Found Jewels Says Railroaders Will Do for Him

William J. Robelen, the Long Island Railroad brakeman, who a few days ago found a hand bag belonging to Mrs. A. Schwab containing \$30,000 worth of jewelry, said yesterday that he had declined a \$100 a month life job and that he would stick to his railroad work. Forthwith he was promoted from brakeman to collector which is one step removed from that of conductor.

Robelen said he had been with the railroad four years, and as he is only 22 years old he hopes to work himself up to a place in railroading that will eventually pay him many times \$100 a month. It was on his return run from Rockaway to Long Island City a few days ago that he found a handbag in a seat in one of the passenger coaches. On opening it he found it filled with jewelry and some money. It was finally identified as the property of Mrs. A. Schwab of 318 West Eighty-fourth street, Manhattan, who left the bag in the train when getting off at Hammels station where she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Schwab, who lives at 110 West 110th street.

Representatives of Mrs. Schwab gave Robelen \$100, two suits of clothing and offered him a life place at \$100 a month. Robelen declined the offer and declined the offer of two weeks vacation with pay. He said he preferred to stay at home and "keep on the job." In speaking of finding the bag he said:

"It wouldn't make any difference to me if the bag contained \$50,000 or \$100,000; there is only one place to which it would go, and that is upstairs to the boss."

Spanish Marchioness Left Estate Here. Surrogate Cobalan appointed William J. Julien ancillary administrator yesterday of the property owned here by Josefa Jabat y Magallan, the Marchioness de Montequando, who died at Madrid on November 18 last. The Marchioness left property in this city valued at \$185,000 and the administrator was appointed at the request of Iselin & Co., her American agents.

## WOULD POLLUTE THE BAY.

Engineers Report Against the Passaic Valley Sewer.

Two engineers employed by the national and State governments to examine the plans for the proposed Passaic Valley trunk sewer have submitted reports tending to support the contention of the Merchants Pollution Committee that the sewer would increase greatly the amount of filth in the waters of New York Bay. The engineers are Prof. O. H. Landreth of Union College and Louis L. Tribus, Commissioner of Public Works for the borough of Richmond.

Prof. Landreth, in summing up "materially objectionable results," says: "Two or three salient facts must be recognized: 1. The improvement in question is not for the present alone but mainly for the future."

2. The growth of population of the metropolitan district will throw a constantly increasing burden of pollution on the waters of New York Bay and the sewer even after all feasible disposal of sewage and garbage and other means of protection have been exercised. A certain residual pollution will inevitably reach the waters despite all efforts, and the latent and limited capacity of the water for self-purification should be reserved for this inevitable residuum of pollution. To discount this limited capacity for self-purification by overburdening it by clearly avoidable sources of pollution will lead to the creation of increasingly objectionable harbor conditions, necessitating expensive undoing and reclamation."

3. It is not speculative or utopian to assume that the public will soon demand the maintenance and use of public waters and waterways as is now demanded for public buildings, parks, thoroughfares and means of transportation. When that time comes it would be regrettable to find that public money was needed to rectify past mistakes."

Prof. Landreth says that the Passaic Valley engineers "on the critical point, the nature and extent of the preliminary treatment of the sewage, are comparatively silent. He says that the plans for the 'grit basin' and 'screen chamber,' on which the engineers relied to clarify the sediment and sewage, are indefinite and without any indications as to character, construction or operation."

The Landreth report adds that while the sewer engineers' plans are too indefinite to permit of conclusions being reached as to the specific results should the waste be dumped into New York Bay, "they are sufficiently definite, in my opinion, to make it clear that the plans do not furnish any guarantee that if built objectionable results will not follow the use of the sewer in question."

Engineer Tribus indicates unsatisfactory results in operation. New Jersey has been advocating Robbins Reef as the best place of outlet and the Passaic Valley engineers, who have been taking the stand that New Jersey sewage ought to be kept out of interstate waters. Last fall a United States Supreme Court injunction was sought restraining New Jersey from depositing Passaic Valley sewage in the bay. Last March the disputants agreed to have the matter to the arbitration of the United States Senators of the States, with President Taft as fifth arbitrator. That plan proved inexpedient and the matter finally was referred to the engineers.

## MORE ABOUT PRIMARY LAWS.

New York Committee Hears That Pennsylvania's Can Be Improved.

PHILADELPHIA, July 26.—New York State legislators got a thorough explanation this afternoon of the operation of Pennsylvania's uniform primary law.

County Commissioner Frank J. Gorman was the principal witness. After an exhaustive explanation of the law in force in this city Mr. Gorman admitted that since the enactment of that law there has not been one instance in which the Republican organization has not dictated the nominations of candidates for all offices on the Republican ticket.

Further Mr. Gorman said that while the calibre and character of men nominated for the higher offices on the organization ticket have somewhat improved, that of the smaller fry, particularly the men chosen to act as judges of election, have remained unchanged. He said that the Republican organization statement that there have been instances since the uniform primary law became effective where the Republican machine has forced the election of minor party candidates who have been convicted on charges of ballot frauds.

These declarations prompted Senator McCarter to declare that "a uniform primary law which still leaves the balance of power in the hands of the leaders is not a very good law. Like many other laws," he remarked, "this one can be improved. Incidentally the Senator ventured the opinion that 'it would be extremely undignified for a man who had been President of this country to run for Mayor of New York.'

## SALVATION ARMY GRADUATES.

26 Scatter East and West From the New York Training School.

In Fourteenth street there is a place where practical religion and philanthropy are taught. It is called the Salvation Army Training College. Last night fifty-three men and twenty-three women got their diplomas, grabbed their bags and started for the cities where they are to work.

Salvation Army graduates don't know where they are going until they get their assignments at the last moment. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baglin, recently married, mounted the platform and learned that they were to go to San Francisco and the wife to Bangor, Me. Their distress was so evident that both were transferred on the spot to Rochester and there they were assigned to work.

Mrs. Mary Stevens, who heard that she was going to Tuscaloosa, Ala. She was crying when she went up on the platform. They had to get her on the platform and tell her she was going to be a lieutenant in Cincinnati.

On the whole, however, the six months training in sociology, mathematics, physiology, hygiene, music, elocution, first aid to the injured, the Bible, preaching and selling the War Cry had taught the class to expect most anything. Col. Alexander Dunn, Col. Alfred Chandler and Major Tucker gave away the diplomas and railroad tickets and started the seventy-six on their way.

## CONEY ISLAND FARES.

Justice Stapleton Hears Argument on the Five Cent Controversy.

Justice Stapleton heard argument in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday on whether the Public Service Commission should be compelled to order a five cent rate on all the lines of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company. Lawyer Coleman, counsel for the Public Service Commission, said that the matter was still before the commission, as did the attorneys for the railroad company. They said that no order has been issued and that August Kiehl, the arbitrator, is practically trying to force the commission to sign an order which isn't in existence. Kiehl is Democratic leader of the Ninetieth Assembly district.

Justice Stapleton ordered papers submitted. He said that the Court could interfere only in the event that the commission has decided to raise the five cent fare to Coney Island and the railroad has failed to comply with the order after a reasonable opportunity.

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MRS. J. F. BELMONT PENNILESS.

HER SWOON SAVED HER.

Rejected Suitor, Thinking He Had Shot Clara Zeiner, Killed Himself.

Carl Lefkowitz, a young tailor, tried to kill Clara Zeiner, yesterday morning and then killed himself. The attempt at murder and the suicide took place at 309 East Eighth street, where the young woman lived.

Lefkowitz, who lived at 31 Monroe street, and the Zeiner girl once worked in the same shop and the young man grew fond of the young woman. From the few dollars a week she earned sewing on buttons her wages as a cloak maker in a wholesale house jumped to \$15 a week. Lefkowitz wanted her to marry him. She couldn't see how the wages of a sweatshop operative could pay the expenses of two persons, and she didn't want to give up her own good job. So she told Lefkowitz that it was hopeless. He couldn't see it that way and every time he called he asked her to marry him.

Yesterday morning soon after sunup he was in the street in front of her house waking up and down. He went up stairs and the Zeiner girl saw him. She told the girl boarded. She answered the knock. Lefkowitz said that he had come to ask her to marry him. The girl smiled and Lefkowitz drew a big revolver from his pocket. He was persuaded to put the weapon up, and as soon as it was out of sight Clara ran screaming into the flat. Lefkowitz followed her and fired at her.

The girl swooned from fright, and thinking that the shot had taken effect Lefkowitz put the pistol to his throat and shot himself. As he lay on the floor he fired another bullet into his neck. He died in Bellevue Hospital half an hour later.

## MINNETONKA HITS A FISHERMAN.

Sliced the Nose Off a Little Schooner in a Fog Off Nantucket.

The Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, yesterday from London, carved the nose off the two masted fishing schooner Hope of Boston in a fog off Nantucket on Sunday morning and woke up many of the liner's passengers. The Minnetonka stopped and hailed the little fisherman, whose skipper said he could get into Boston without help, although his jibboom, bowsprit and a slice of his stem above the water line had been carried away. Capt. I. J. Merritt of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company, a passenger by the Minnetonka and familiar with wrecks of the real sort, saw the incident and made light of it. An actress who also saw it said the forward part of the schooner looked as if it had been snipped off with a pair of big scissors.

The Minnetonka brought 216 horses, mostly thoroughbreds, including nineteen polo ponies, belonging to the Meadow Brook club, which were in the match with the Hurlingham team in England on July 5.

Ten Police Lieutenants Shifted. Police Commissioner Baker shifted ten lieutenants, two sergeants and a number of patrolmen yesterday. Lieut. James A. Kennedy was sent from Hamburg avenue to Miller avenue, Brooklyn, and John A. O'Reilly of Miller avenue went to Hamburg avenue. Jeremiah Mahoney went from Far Rockaway to East Thirtieth street, Manhattan, and John J. Higgins of East Thirtieth street went to Far Rockaway. James W. Trainer went from Newtown to Rockaway Beach, and James P. Tucker from College Point to Charles street. James J. McCann was sent from East 104th street to West 162d street, swapping with Edward F. Hayes. Frederick Eberhart was sent from Long Island City to College Point, and from Rockaway Beach, William F. Sullivan went to Newtown.

Strike on the Open Bergen Hill Cut of the Erie Railroad Is Soon Ended. The thirty-five hoisting engineers employed in excavating the Erie Railroad's open cut through Jersey City Heights have lost their strike against the Millard Construction Company, which refused to advance their wages from \$3 to \$3.50 a day. The engineers quit work last Monday and crippled the company two days until non-union engineers were put to work.

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